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**THE SOLUTION OF BBGKY HIERARCHY  
OF KINETIC EQUATIONS  
THROUGH THE PARTICLE SOLUTION  
OF VLASOV EQUATION**

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**Abstract**

The solution of BBGKY hierarchy of kinetic equations is defined through particle method solution of Vlasov equation.

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Suppose we are given a system of monoatomic molecules. Suppose that the molecules interact through a two-body potential  $\phi$ . In the framework of classical statistical physics, we consider for the given system the problem of solving the hierarchy of BBGKY kinetic equations [N.N.Bogoluibov, 1970]:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_n(t) = [H_n, f_n(t)] + \frac{1}{v} \int \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\phi(q_i - q), f_{n+1}(t)] dx, \quad (1)$$

where  $f_n$  is the probability density of the gas ensemble at time  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  at position  $q_1 \in \Lambda, q_2 \in \Lambda, \dots, q_n \in \Lambda$  with the velocities  $v_1 \in \mathbb{R}^3, \dots, v_n \in \mathbb{R}^3$  of particles. Therefore,  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \times F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  with the phase space  $F = (\Lambda \times \mathbb{R}^3)^n$ .

Here,

$$H_n = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} T_i + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \phi(q_i - q_j), \quad T_i = \frac{p_i^2}{2m},$$

$m = 1$  is the mass of a molecule,  $p$  the momentum of a molecule,  $n \in N$ ,  $N$  is the number of molecules,  $V$  - the volume of the system;  $N \rightarrow \infty, V \rightarrow \infty, v = \frac{V}{N} = \text{const}$  is volume per molecule,  $[,]$  denotes the Poisson brackets.

Introducing the notation

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{H}f)_n &= [H_n, f_n]; \quad (\mathcal{D}_x f)_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_n, x); \\ (\mathcal{A}_x f)_n &= \frac{1}{v} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\phi(q_i - q), f_n]; \\ f(t) &= \{f_1(t, x_1), \dots, f_n(t, x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots\}, n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

we can cast Eq.(1) in the form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(t) = \mathcal{H}f(t) + \int \mathcal{A}_x \mathcal{D}_x f(t) dx. \quad (2)$$

### Derivation of Hierarchy of Kinetic Equations for correlation functions.

**Proposition 1.** The hierarchy of kinetic equations for the correlation functions has the form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \varphi(t) = \mathcal{H}\varphi(t) + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{W}(\varphi(t), \varphi(t)) + \int \mathcal{A}_x \mathcal{D}_x \varphi(t) dx + \int \mathcal{A}_x \varphi(t) \star \mathcal{D}_x \varphi(t) dx, \quad (3)$$

where [D.Ruelle, 1969],[M.Yu.Rasulova, 1980],[M.Yu.Rasulova, A.K.Vidibida, 1976]:

$$f(t) = \Gamma\varphi(t) = I + \varphi(t) + \frac{\varphi(t) \star \varphi(t)}{2!} + \dots + \frac{(\star \varphi(t))^n}{n!} + \dots, \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(t) &= \{\varphi_1(t, x_1), \dots, \varphi(t, x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots\}; \\
(\varphi \star \varphi)(x) &= \sum_{Y \subset X} \varphi(Y) \varphi(X \setminus Y); \quad I \star \varphi = \varphi; \quad (\star \varphi)^n = \underbrace{\varphi \star \varphi \star \dots \star \varphi}_n \text{ n times}; \\
X &= (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_{(n)}); \quad Y = (x_{n'}), \quad n' \in; \quad n \cdot n' = 1, 2, \dots; \\
(\mathcal{U}\varphi_n) &= \left[ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \phi(q_i - q_j), \varphi_n \right], \quad \mathcal{W}(\varphi, \varphi) = \sum_{Y \subset X} \mathcal{U}(Y; X \setminus Y) \varphi(Y) \varphi(X \setminus Y).
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** To obtain (3), we substitute (4) in (2) :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Gamma \varphi(t) = \mathcal{H} \Gamma \varphi(t) + \int \mathcal{A}_x \mathcal{D}_x \Gamma \varphi(t) dx. \quad (5)$$

We have

$$\mathcal{D}_x \Gamma \varphi(t) = \mathcal{D}_x \varphi(t) \star \Gamma \varphi(t), \quad (6)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_x \Gamma \varphi(t) = \mathcal{A}_x \varphi(t) \star \Gamma \varphi(t), \quad (7)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_x \mathcal{D}_x \Gamma \varphi(t) = \mathcal{A}_x \mathcal{D}_x \varphi(t) \star \Gamma \varphi(t) + \mathcal{A}_x \varphi(t) \star \mathcal{D}_x \varphi(t) \star \Gamma \varphi(t), \quad (8)$$

$$T \Gamma \varphi(t) = T \varphi(t) \star \Gamma \varphi(t), \quad (9)$$

$$\mathcal{U} \Gamma \varphi(t) = \mathcal{U} \varphi(t) \star \Gamma \varphi(t) + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{W}(\varphi(t), \varphi(t) \star \Gamma \varphi(t)), \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Gamma \varphi(t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \varphi(t) \star \Gamma \varphi(t). \quad (11)$$

substituting (6) – (11) in (5), multiplying both sides by  $\Gamma(-\varphi(t))$  we obtain (3). This proves the proposition.

To investigate our system on the basis of arguments similar to those in [1], we can choose as expansion parameter  $v$ , setting

$$\phi(q_i - q_j) = v \theta(q_i - q_j) \quad (12)$$

and making substitution [N.N.Bogoluibov, 1970], [M.Yu.Rasulova, 1980], [S.Ichimary, 1968], [R.L.Liboff, G.Perona, 1967], [A.I.Akhiezer (ed.), 1974]:

$$\varphi_n(t) = v^{n-1} \psi_n(t) \quad (13)$$

On the basis of (12), (13) Eq.(3) for  $n$  molecules takes the form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi_n(t, X) = \left[ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} T_i, \psi_n(t, X) \right] + v (\mathcal{U} \psi(t))_n(X)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +\frac{v}{2} (\mathcal{W}\psi(t), \psi(t))_n (X) + v^2 \int (\mathcal{A}_x \mathcal{D}_x \psi(t))_n (X) dx \\
& + v \int (\mathcal{A}_x \psi(t) \star \mathcal{D}_x \psi(t))_n (X) dx
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

To solve Eq.(14), we apply perturbation theory, we shall seek a solution in the form of the series

$$\psi_n(t, X) = \sum_{\mu} v^{\mu} \psi_n^{\mu}(t, X), n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \mu = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{15}$$

Substituting the series (15) in Eq.(14) and equating the coefficients of equal powers of  $v$  we obtain

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathcal{L}_1 \right) \psi_1^o(t) = 0, \tag{16}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_2 \right) \psi_2^o(t) = S_2^o, \tag{17}$$

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$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \sum_{i=1} \mathcal{L}_i \right) \psi_n^{\mu}(t) = S_n^{\mu}, \tag{18}$$

where we have introduced the notation

$$\mathcal{L}_1 \psi_1^o(t) = v_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} \psi_1^o(t, x_1) - \int \frac{\partial \theta(q_1 - q)}{\partial q_1} \frac{\partial \psi_1^o(t, x)}{\partial p_1} \psi_1^o(t, x) dx,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_i \psi_n^{\mu}(t) = v_i \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} \psi_n^{\mu}(t, X) - v \int (\mathcal{A}_x \psi(t)) (x_i) (\mathcal{D}_x \psi^{\mu})_{n-1}(t, X \setminus x_i) dx,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
S_n^{\mu} &= (\mathcal{U} \psi^{\mu-1}(t))_n (X) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\delta_1 + \delta_2 = \mu-1} (\mathcal{W}(\psi^{\delta_1}(t), \psi^{\delta_2}(t))) (X) \\
&+ v \int (\mathcal{A}_x \mathcal{D}_x \psi^{\mu-1}(t))_n (X) dx.
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Thus, the solution of Eq. (14) reduces to the solution of the homogeneous (16) and inhomogenous (17), (18) Vlasov's [A.A.Vlasov, 1950] equations for  $\psi_1^o(t)$  and  $\psi_n^{\mu}(t)$ , accordingly.

**Proposition 2.** The series (15),  $\psi_n(t, X) = \sum_{\mu} v^{\mu} \psi_n^{\mu}(t, X)$ , where  $\psi_1^o$  is defined in accordance with solution of Vlasov's equation and the remaining  $\psi_n^{\mu}$  on the basis of the formula

$$\psi_n^{\mu}(t, X) = \int dx'_1 \dots \int dx'_n \int_{-\infty}^t dt' S_n^{\mu}(t, x'_1, \dots, x'_n) \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq n} G(t-t', x, x'_i), \tag{20}$$

is a solution of Eq. (14).

**Proof:** We consider Eqs. (16) and (17) where (16) is the Vlasov equation. This system of coupled equations for the single-molecule and two-molecule perturbations can serve to determine the successive approximations  $\psi_n^\mu(t)$ .  $\psi_1^\circ(t, X)$  is the solution of Vlasov's equation.

Substituting [M.Yu.Rasulova, 1980],[S.Ichimary, 1968]

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_2^\circ(t, x_1, x_2) &= \int dx'_1 \int dx'_2 \int_{-\infty}^t dt' S_2^\circ(t'; x'_1, x'_2) \\ &G(t-t'; x_1, x'_1)G(t-t'; x_2, x'_2) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

in (17), we see that (21) is a solution of (17) if

$$\begin{aligned} S_2^\circ(t, x_1, x_2) &= [\theta(q_1 - q_2), \psi_1^\circ(t; x_1)\psi_1^\circ(t, x_2)] \\ &+ \int_{1 \leq i \leq 2} [\theta(q_i - q), \psi_1^\circ(t; x_1)\psi_1^\circ(t; x)] dx \end{aligned}$$

and if G satisfies equation

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} \right) G(t-t'; x_1, x'_1) - \frac{\partial \psi(t, x_1)}{\partial v_1} \\ \int \frac{\partial \theta(q_1 - q)}{\partial q_1} G(t-t'; x, x'_1) dx - \\ \int \frac{\partial \theta(q_1 - q)}{\partial q_1} \frac{\partial G(t-t'; x_1, x'_1)}{\partial v_1} \psi(t, x) dx = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

with the initial condition

$$G(0; x_1, x'_1) = \delta(x_1 - x'_1) \quad (23)$$

The recursive system of Eq. (18) can, with allowance for the established structure of the solutions, serve to determine the successive approximations  $\psi_n^\mu(t)$  and, therefore, formula (15). Indeed substituting again (20) directly in (18), we can see that (20) is a solution of (18) if  $S_n^\mu$  is defined in accordance with (19) and if G satisfies Eq. (22) with the initial condition (23).

[H.Neunzert, 1978], [K.Steiner, 1995], [H.Neunzert and A.H.Siddiqi, 1997] by the particle method have proved the existence of unique solution of Vlasov equation

$$\partial_t \psi_1^\circ(t_1 x_1) = -v_1 \nabla_x \psi_1^\circ(t_1 x_1) + \frac{e_s}{m_s} \nabla_x \mathcal{A}^{k-1} \nabla_{V_1} \psi_1^\circ(t_1, x_1), \psi_1^\circ(T_k) = f_1^{k-1}(T_k) \quad (24)$$

$$-\Delta_x U^k = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_s \int_{\Gamma_s} e_1 f_1^k dS \quad T = T_k \quad (25)$$

where  $T_k = \frac{k}{n}T, k = 1, \dots, n, n \in \mathbb{N}$  of size  $\frac{1}{n}T, \mathbf{U}^0$  is solution (25) with  $f^o(o, P) = f^o(P); \theta(|q_i - q_j|)$  is Coulomb potential;  $\mathbf{U}$ -potential by  $E = -\nabla \mathbf{U}$  satisfies Poisson's equation. Inkn:Neinzert2, kn:Steiner it is shown that  $\psi_1^o(t, x_1, v_1) = (\psi^o \Phi_{o,t})(x_1, v_1)$  is solution of the Vlasov equation. Here we assume that  $E$  is Lipschitz continuous,  $\Phi_{t,\tau} : F \rightarrow F$  is a measure preserving group homomorphism [H.Neunzert, 1978] and  $\psi^o$  is continuous initial conditions.

A Numerical Scheme for the Vlasov equation is as follows [K.Steiner, 1995]:

For every time step  $t_k = k\Delta t, k = 0, 1, \dots$

$$v_i^N(t_{k+1}) = v_i^N(t_k) + \Delta t E(q_i^N(t_k))$$

$$q_i^N(t_{k+1}) = q_i^N(t_k) + \Delta t v_i^N(t_{k+1})$$

$$\alpha_i^N(t_{k+1}) = \alpha_i^N(t_k).$$

Solution (20) of two equations (16), (17) of hierarchy are in good agreement with results of [S.Ichimaru, 1968] for plasma physics and this method is opening possibilities to calculate the solutions of the next complex kinetic equations of BBGKY hierarchy.

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